1	2	3
25	Tripura	7.02
26	Uttaranchal	12.34
27	Uttar Pradesh	170.67
28	West Bengal	69.93
	TOTAL:	1215.00

Empowerment of women through education

4052. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering for empowering women through education;

(b) if so, in what manner and by when and the number of women expected to be benefit;

(c) whether Government are aware that society is expected to provide equal opportunities for women in development sector and income generation in the family; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) The Mahila Samakhya Scheme is being implemented by the Government of India for the education and empowerment of women in rural areas, particularly of women from socially and economically marginalized groups. The scheme is operational in 9 States *viz.* Andhra Pradesh, Assam, Bihar, Gujarat, Jharkhand, Karnataka, Kerala, Uttaranchal and Uttar Pradesh. 3.87 lakh women in these States are being benefited under this scheme.

. (c)Yes, Sir.

(d) The National Policy for the Empowerment of Women approved/ adopted by the Government in 2001 aims to bring about the advancement, development and empowerment of women and enjoyment of all human rights and fundamental freedoms by women on equal basis with men In all spheres—political, economic, social cultural and civil.